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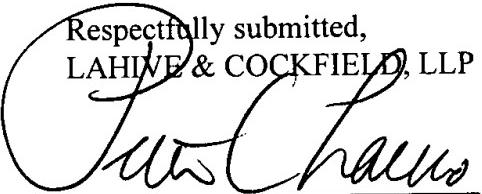
Applicants and their attorney have become aware of the following publications and information, cited in an International Search Report mailed July 16, 2001 during the prosecution of PCT/US00/25468 and a Norwegian Search Report mailed July 14, 2001 during the prosecution of patent application No. 199 1677 which correspond to the above referenced application. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, Applicants hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration. These publications are cited on the enclosed PTO Form 1449, and a copy of the Report and each publication cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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